

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Medical Officer's Report for the year ending December 31st 1956

To the Chairman and Members of the District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1956 consisting mainly of statistics with additional information as necessary.

POPULATION.

Registrar General's estimate for 1956 is 4420.

BIRTHS. There were 52 live births during 1956. Of these 35 were males, and 17 females. 73% were born in Maternity Institutions or Hospitals.

One illegitimate child is included in the above total.

The Crude Birth Rate was 11.8 per 1000, compared with 12.1 per 1000 for 1955.

The Birth Rate, adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, was 13.3 compared with 15.6 for the country as a whole.

No Still Births were registered.

DEATHS. The number of deaths during 1956 was 65. Of these 34 were males and 31 females.

The Crude Death Rate was 14.7 per 1000 compared with 15.5 per 1000 for 1955.

The Death Rate, adjusted for comparative purposes with other areas, was 12.2 compared with 11.7 for the country as a whole.

The principal causes of death were as follows:-

	<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>		<u>Total</u>
Coronary Disease of Heart.....	6	...	4	...	10
Other Diseases of Heart.....	3	...	7	...	10
Diseases of Blood Vessels.....	4	...	2	...	6
Diseases of Blood Vessels of Brain.....	3	...	5	...	8
Tuberculosis of Lungs.....	2	...	1	...	3
Cancer of Lungs.....	4	...	-	...	4
Cancer - other forms.....	3	...	8	...	11
Pneumonia.....	2	...	-	...	2
Bronchitis.....	-	...	1	...	1
Accidental or Violence.....	3	...	1	...	4
Suicide.....	1	...	-	...	1
Other Diseases.....	3	...	2	...	5
	<u>34</u>		<u>31</u>		<u>65</u>

INFANT MORTALITY.

One child under the age of 12 months died, the cause of death being Broncho-pneumonia.

The Infant Mortality Rate is therefore 19.2 per 1000 births.

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

No deaths occurred as the result of pregnancy.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Apart from a number of cases of Dysentery during the summer months, no epidemic of the more common Infectious Diseases occurred. The majority of the cases of Dysentery became infected through their attendance at one of the junior schools at which the precautionary measures of washing hands following a visit to the toilets was stressed upon the children with excellent results in combating further spreading of the condition.

The following figures indicate the extent to which all types of infection occurred. No case of severe food poisoning was reported.

Measles.....	-
Whooping Cough.....	1
Scarlet Fever.....	1
Chicken-Pox.....	8
Pneumonia.....	-
Erysipelas.....	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1
Tuberculosis.....	4
Dysentery.....	45

LABORATORY FACILITIES.

Specimens obtained from patients by family practitioners for various bacteriological tests are sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Monsall Hospital, Manchester. Reports upon such specimens are sent to the patient's own doctor, and copies of same are forwarded to the Health Office.

TUBERCULOSIS.

		<u>Male</u>		<u>Female</u>
The number of cases on the register on 31/12/55 was	-	10	...	13
The number of cases added to register during 1956 was	-	2	...	2
The number of cases removed from register during 1956 was	-	2	...	1
The number of cases remaining on register on 31/12/56 was	-	<u>10</u>	...	<u>14</u>

CARE OF MOTHERS AND YOUNG CHILDREN. (Service under County Council Administration).

Hollingworth Clinic.

The deterioration of the decoration of the interior wall previously reported was remedied by the termination of 1956.

A weekly Ante-natal Clinic is held following a School-child Nurse's session each Tuesday afternoon.

One session per month is devoted to immunisation against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough and is undertaken by the Divisional Medical Officer.

These premises now also afford accommodation for Chiropody treatment of elderly persons weekly. This service which was inaugurated during the year by the Mottram Welfare of the Aged Committee has proved to be a boon to those aged persons who otherwise previously have had difficulty in walking any distance from their homes. The cost of treatment is borne by the patients, but is at modified rate.

(Hellingworth Clinic -ctd.)

Child Welfare Sessions were held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month throughout the year - a local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor being in attendance.

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor</u>
41 (49)	1281 (1640)	53 (68)	224 (284)

Figures in brackets () indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

The M. & C.W. Clinic in the Methodist Church School, Broadbottom, is held on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday afternoons each month. A local Medical Practitioner and Health Visitor attend to give advice on child care and to carry out immunisation.

<u>New Cases</u>	<u>Total Attendances</u>	<u>Average Attendance</u>	<u>Seen by Doctor</u>
16 (17)	565 (545)	24 (23)	120 (145)

WELFARE FOOD DISTRIBUTION.

Supplies of these commodities are available during Hollingworth and Broadbottom Clinic sessions.

The assistance given by voluntary helpers in the clinics in this work is much appreciated.

The duties undertaken by these members include weighing of children, keeping records, provision of tea to mothers, and the sale of infant foods and other nourishments approved by the Medical Officer.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The area is covered by the Hyde Health Division for general, accident, and infectious cases, the numbers conveyed being

Hollingworth.....	1242
Broadbottom.....	1018
Mottram.....	476

2736

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME.

One full-time Domiciliary Nurse attended 84 patients in Mottram and Broadbottom upon 2709 occasions.

The Hellingworth district is served by a Nurse whose duties also include cases resident in Tintwistle - 108 patients having been visited upon 3292 occasions. (Separate figures for Hollingworth residents are not readily available).

Due to the scattered area allocated to this particular nurse, she uses her own motor-car for which she is reimbursed on a mileage basis for all official journeys connected with her nursing duties.

Nursing requisites are stored at private addresses in Mottram and Broadbottom and at the M. & C.W. Centre at Hellingworth. The requisites such as back-rests, bed-pans etc. are available on loan from the stores by application to either of these nurses.

MIDWIFERY.

Midwives attended the 14 cases in which the births took place in the homes of the patients. The trend for childbirth to take place in

maternity institutions is revealed by the fact that 40 of the notified births took place in Hospitals or Maternity Homes in Hyde and Glossop.

Facilities are available at the Hollingworth M. & C.W. Centre for the Midwife to carry out examinations of her patients prior to confinement.

The vacancy created by the resignation on 31/10/1954 of Mrs. Hall, domiciliary midwife in the district, was filled on the 6th July 1956.

The County Council obtained the tenancy of No. 6, Claylands Close which is occupied by the new midwife as furnished accommodation.

Negotiations were commenced during the year for the erection of a garage on privately owned land adjacent to this house and now accommodates the motor-car provided by the County Council for the midwife's journeys on duty.

One Health Visitor supervises the welfare of infants, young children, expectant mothers and nursing mothers by paying visits to the homes and attending at the Clinics. Visits to cases of Tuberculosis for Care and After-Care purposes, and to any aged and infirm persons in need of attention, also form part of her duties.

The number and types of visits paid to the homes in Longdendale and Tintwistle are as under

<u>Expectant Mothers</u>	<u>Children under five</u>	<u>School Children</u>	<u>Re Home Helps</u>	<u>T.B.</u>	<u>Mental Cases</u>	<u>Aged Persons</u>	<u>Other</u>
186	3445	341	75	71	27	373	292
(183)	(3870)	(97)	(45)	(88)	(13)	(444)	(277)

Figures in brackets () indicate the corresponding numbers in the previous year.

The Health Visitor possesses a motor-car which she uses for her work. She is reimbursed according to the mileage covered.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

The report of your Public Health Inspector has been submitted to me and is attached for your consideration and approval.

I remain,

Yours faithfully,

F.W.C. BROWN

Medical Officer of Health.

Municipal Buildings,
Greenfield Street,
HYDE.

July, 1957.

LONGDENDALE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Inspector's Report for the year ending
31st December 1956.

To The Chairman and Members
of the District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting herewith my report for the year ended 31st December 1956.

HOUSING

Policy

The past year has seen small but significant steps towards the shaping of a new housing policy for the District for not only have Demolition, Closing and Clearance Orders been made but property has been purchased for improvement. Further building by the Council has been investigated.

Dwellings demolished by order	1
" closed by order	1
" closed by agreement	3
" in clearance area	6
" purchased and improved	3

Improvement

In addition to the direct policy of improvement, the Council have continued to make grants towards improvements under the Housing Acts and 9 properties have been so improved.

Building Progress

Houses	- Private dwellings built	10
	- Extensions	5
	- Removal	1
Other	- New Erections.	15
	- Extensions.	1
	- Removal	2
Change of use	- Factory to School	1
	- School to Social Centre.	1

INSPECTIONS, VISITS AND NOTICES.

a. Dwellings	45
b. Yards and Passages.	54
c. Drains, Septic Tanks, Watercourses & Sewers.	182
d. Sanitary Conveniences and Ashbins.	631
e. Offensive Accumulations	4
f. Keeping of Animals etc.	104
g. Offensive Trades.	27
h. Slaughterhouses & Knackers Yards.	285
i. Factories.	44
j. Workplaces.	36
k. Food Premises.	165
l. Dairies and Milk Distributors.	21
m. Notifiable Diseases.	45
n. Disinfection and Disinfestation.	11
o. Miscellaneous and Interviews	219 - 1873

The preceding table excludes all visits concerning rodent control

Statutory Notices served (other than closure or demolition of houses)	25
Informal Notices served	71
Nuisances abated with or without notice	161

WATER SUPPLY.

Springs at Arnfield, Tintwistle, supplemented in dry weather by water from Arnfield Brook, serve the District by gravitation. The water is untreated and samples taken have been satisfactory.

Only 91 of the District is not on main supply and 6 properties are served by a common standpipe.

Ten properties were connected to the mains.

A scheme to improve the supply was submitted to the Ministry some years ago and during the year under review approval was obtained to carry out the work. However, before the work could be started, the Council resolved to turn over the entire undertaking to Manchester Corporation Waterworks. This took place in the following year (1957) ending the control which the Council and its predecessors had held for 69 years.

SCAVENGING.

The greater part of the District has a weekly collection of household rubbish and pail closet contents but with the limitations of present staff and equipment some houses have domestic refuse removed once per fortnight.

Labour and transport for this service are supplied by the Surveyor. A group of isolated houses at The Hague are dealt with by a local farmer because of difficult access.

Refuse is disposed of by landfill off Broadbottom Road, Mottram, the site being regularly inspected for rats and dusted with insecticide in the summer months. In the early part of the year the tip set on fire and after only partial effective action by the Cheshire County Fire Service the dangerous section was isolated by using a drag-line excavator. This regrettable incident has seriously hindered the subsequent management of the tip.

The Council continue to supply containers on receipt of orders from owners of property to whom accounts are then charged. 24 pails and 57 dustbins have been delivered in the year.

SEWERAGE.

Only 51% of the District is connected to the Council's sewerage system which has outfall works at Broadbottom and Hollingworth.

A scheme, being a revival of plans considered some 20 years ago, has been prepared to cover the rest of the District and on large the existing works. This scheme has been approved in principle but still awaits financial sanction.

Where sanitary conveniences are converted voluntarily to fresh water carriage system, the Council make a grant of up to £8. per conversion and 4 such grants have been made. 9 Compulsory conversions and 13 other fresh water closets were connected to the sewers as were 6 new houses.

RODENT CONTROL.

583 visits have been made to 306 properties and 45 infestations were found and dealt with.

The annual test of 10% of the manholes was carried out and infestations in Hollingworth and Broadbottom sewers were discovered and treated.

OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Fat extraction and associated activities are carried out at Hyde Brook Works. There is regular control and supervision but complaints are received from time to time of offensive smells from the works which are adjacent to two roads and a number of houses. In order to reduce pollution to the Hyde Brook the residual liquid from one process is taken to the Hollingworth Outfall Works for disposal.

DISINFESTATION AND DISINFECTION.

Supplies of free disinfectant are available in each village. There have been 11 inspections and visits due to illness and infestation other than rodents.

FACTORIES.

There are 23 factories on the Register, 44 visits have been made and two instances of unsatisfactory sanitary accommodation were remedied after informal notice.

WORKPLACES.

38 workplaces were satisfactory on inspection.

FOOD.

Premises - Analysis as at year end.

TYPE	No.	REGISTRATION (if any)			
		Sec.16 Food & Drugs Act 1955		Milk and Dairies Regulations.	
		Ice Cream	Preserved Food	Distributor	Dairies
1. Chip Potatoes, Fried Fish	4		4		
2. Butchers.	8		6		
3. Manufacturing Bakery, Grocery & Sweets.	8	3	4	1	
4. Grocery, Sweets, Greengrocery	11	2		3	
5. Grocery, Sweets.	10	2		3	
6. Sweets.	7	4		1	
7. Greengrocery.	4				
8. Greengrocery, Fish.	3				
9. Public Houses.	15				
10. Clubs selling drinks.	5				
11. Factory & School Canteens.	8				
12. Snack Bar.	2	1			
13. Cinema.	1				
14. Hostel.	1				
15. Cafe	1				
16. Dairies.	1			1	1
	89	12	14	9	1

PREMISES - INSPECTIONS.

There have been 40 inspections of premises registered under Sec.16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955 and the Milk and Dairies Regulations, and 125 to other food premises. In the main these premises were satisfactory and such defects as were found have been put right.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

A small amount of unsound food was surrendered voluntarily and this was disposed of at the refuse tip after all containers had been broken.

Condemned meat is sent to a local knacker's yard.

ICE CREAM

There is no manufacture of ice cream in the District and no action has been taken under the Ice Cream (Heat-treatment) Regulations 1947-1952

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS 1955-1956.

These regulations and the Council's Byelaws under the Food and Drugs Act are referred to when discussing new lines of business or alterations to the premises where food is handled.

FOOD (continued)MILK

At the end of the year registrations were:-

Dairies	1.			
Distributors	13			
Sterilised Milk	- Dealers	13	Supplementary	2
Pasteurised "	- "	3	"	3
Tuberculin Tested	- "	3	"	1

Of the 48 farms in the District 34 produce milk for sale, 3 use the milk for other stock and 11 were vacant or were not keeping cows.

There has been no cause for action under Part VII of the Milk and Dairies Regulation 1949.

MEAT.Licensed Slaughterhouses.

The three licensed slaughterhouses are all in Hollingworth and are in regular use.

Knackers Yard.

A portion of Hyde Brook Works is licensed for the purpose of a Knackers Yard.

CARCASSES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART.

	Cattle Excluding Cows.	Cows	Calves	sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.	159	148	25	986	63	-
Number inspected.	159	147	25	971	61	-
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	6	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	31	36	-	15	1	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci.	19.87	24.5	-	2.16	1.64	-
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	27	22	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis.	17.61	14.9	-	-	1.64	-
<u>CYSTICERCI.</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-	-

It has been possible to examine approximately 98% of the animals killed in the District for human consumption.

The Officials and Staff of the Council have been helpful on all occasions and I thank them for their co-operation.

Yours faithfully,
ARNOLD SWINDELLS,
Public Health Inspector.

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MOTTRAM.

July 1957.